

Hello. I would like to submit my reasons for backing the resolution to make the Shelter Dog the Oregon State Dog.

As a rescuer, I am very aware of the plight of shelter animals. Promoting them as our State Dog would highlight their presence and predicament as lost and abandoned Dogs. Promoting them as highly adoptable would go a long way toward lessening the overcrowding and euthanizing them for "space". Conversely, the Border Collie is a working breed with a very species specific niche as herding dogs. They require room to run and exercise if they are not used as cattle, sheep or herding Dogs.

What happens when a particular breed is highlighted and given great exposure, people want them as their personal dog, not as a working dog. But their herding and chasing instincts soon make their owners realize that they are not, in fact, pets. Then they join the groups that are dumped into the Shelter system; Chihuahuas, Pit Bulls and other Dogs that had a moment of fame in tv commercials or ad campaigns. One in 600 Pit Bulls gets out of a shelter ALIVE! Chihuahuas are right behind them in numbers destroyed. All because they were momentarily "famous"...

Please vote "YES" in favor of H.C.R. 16 to make the Shelter Dog Oregon's State Dog! Thank you...Respectfully,

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and Rescuer,